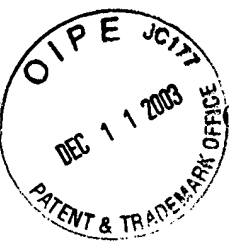


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Sir:

In response to the Communication dated December 2, 2003, as well as the Office
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